

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously presented) In a controller, a method for reducing latency in a group communication network, the method comprising:

responding to a request to join the network including, as embedded content, a network's media and real-time media signaling destination addresses and other network parameters including media payload format descriptors;

determining whether any media frame belonging to a communication protocol is lost, the media frame being directed to the controller;

modifying the communication protocol if a media frame is lost; and

buffering media traffic until a receiver of the buffered media traffic is ready to receive the buffered media traffic.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the modifying includes sending multiple messages to a sender of the media frame requesting multiple copies of the lost media frame.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the sending occurs after a predetermined time period.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the messages include a negative acknowledge (NAK) message.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the media frame originates from a push-to-talk (PTT) device.

6. (Previously presented) In a controller, a method for reducing latency in a group communication network, the method comprising:

responding to a request to join the network including, as embedded content, a network's media and real-time media signaling destination addresses and other network parameters including media payload format descriptors;

receiving an indication from a communication device that a user wishes to initiate a group call;

receiving media from the user before processing a request for group call initiation;

determining whether any media frame belonging to a communication protocol is lost, the media frame being directed to the controller;

buffering the received media for later transmission to another communication device.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the communication device includes a push-to-talk (PTT) device.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6, further including:
transmitting the buffered media to the other communication device if the request is granted.

9. (Original) The method of claim 6, further including:
signaling the user to stop sending media if a memory unit used for buffering the received media runs out of space before the request is completely processed and media communication is not established between the other communication device and the controller.

10. (Original) The method of claim 6, further including:
transmitting the buffered media to a target receiver if a memory unit used for buffering the received media runs out of space before the request is processed but media communication is established between the other communication device and the controller.

11. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein a memory unit used for buffering the received media is located in the communication device.

12. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein a memory unit used for buffering the received media is located in the controller.

13. (Previously presented) In a controller, a computer-readable medium embodying a method for reducing latency in a group communication network, the method comprising:

responding to a request to join the network including, as embedded content, a network's media and real-time media signaling destination addresses and other network parameters including media payload format descriptors;

determining whether any media frame belonging to a communication protocol is lost, the media frame being directed to the controller; and

modifying the communication protocol if a media frame is lost.

14. (Previously presented) In a controller, a computer-readable medium embodying a method for reducing latency in a group communication network, the method comprising:

responding to a request to join the network including, as embedded content, a network's media and real-time media signaling destination addresses and other network parameters including media payload format descriptors;

receiving an indication from a communication device that a user wishes to initiate a group call;

receiving media from the user before processing a request for group call initiation;

determining whether any media frame belonging to a communication protocol is lost, the media frame being directed to the controller;

buffering the received media for later transmission to another communication device.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Previously presented) A controller for reducing latency in a group communication network, comprising:

means for responding to a request to join the network including, as embedded content, a network's media and real-time media signaling destination addresses and other network parameters including media payload format descriptors;

means for receiving an indication from a communication device that a user wishes to initiate a group call;

means for receiving media from the user before processing a request for group call initiation;

means for determining whether any media frame belonging to a communication protocol is lost, the media frame being directed to the controller;

means for buffering the received media for later transmission to another communication device.

17. (Previously presented) A controller for reducing latency in a group communication network, the communication device comprising:

a receiver to receive information over the network, including as embedded content, a network's media and real-time media signaling destination addresses and other network parameters including media payload format descriptors;

a transmitter to transmit information over the network; and

a processor communicatively coupled with the receiver and the transmitter, the processor being capable of:

determining whether any media frame belonging to a communication protocol is lost, media frame being directed to the controller; and

modifying the communication protocol if a media frame is lost.

18. (Original) The controller of claim 17, wherein the modifying includes sending multiple messages to a sender of the media frame, requesting multiple copies of the lost media frame.

19. (Original) The controller of claim 18, wherein the sending occurs after a predetermined time period.

20. (Original) The controller of claim 18, wherein the messages include a negative acknowledge (NAK) message.

21. (Original) The controller of claim 17, wherein the communication device includes a push-to-talk device.

22.-26. (Canceled)